

Annotation

Diploma thesis „*Depicting the Enemy in the current Military Operations: A Comparison of Interventions in Iraq and Libya*” deals with the events after the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001 and the war in Iraq and related military operation Iraqi Freedom, and the military intervention of NATO coalition forces in Libya in Operation Unified Protector.

This diploma thesis examines the concept of creating an image of the enemy, which is largely constructed through the discourse of important political leaders in the United States and Great Britain. Securitization, as a research theory, is a compelling complement to enemy image research that works through a negatively constructed image of a formidable enemy. The actual securitization process begins with the securitization movement and is also the starting point for the construction of the hostile image. The thesis uses official press releases and documents to analyze the rhetoric of US Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama and the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom Tony Blair and David Cameron. The research used a discursive analysis of statements by individual officials in relation to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Colonel Muammar Gaddafi.

In the first part of the thesis, the author deals with the concept of construction of the image of the enemy, which is closely related to the theory of securitization. The second part of the thesis focuses on the war against global terror and the war in Iraq. This chapter is followed by a discursive analysis of the statements of US President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair, which focuses on the construction of the image of the enemy in relation to Saddam Hussein. In the other part of the work, the author analyzes the armed conflict in Libya and the military intervention of NATO coalition forces. The last section of the thesis is a discursive analysis of the statements of US President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron, which also deals with the construction of the image of the enemy in relation to Muammar Gaddafi.